



# SEATTLE AREA ANTI-BIAS/ ANTI-RACISM WORKING GROUP FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS

**NOVEMBER 12, 2020  
6:30-8:00 P.M.**


Facilitators for this first meeting are Debbie  
LeeKeenan and Julie Bisson with special guest  
Ijumaa Jordan

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This is a discussion group for Seattle based  
early childhood teachers, directors, mentor  
teachers, program supervisors, college  
faculty and others who want to improve their  
AB/AR practice. It's a place where we can  
come together and talk about challenges,  
dilemmas, and successes in our programs and  
share ideas and support each other in making  
real change in our daily practice.



There is no cost but please register at  
[HERE](#) to receive the Zoom link



# Agenda for this first gathering

For our first meeting, after introductions and an overview of our vision for this group, there will be breakout groups planned around three discussion topics:

Rethinking Police as Community Helpers in Early Childhood with Ijumaa Jordan

The Leader's Role in Building Anti-Bias/Anti-Racist Programs with Debbie LeeKeenan

An Anti-Bias/Anti-Racist Approach to Including Holidays in Early Learning Programs with Julie Bisson

**Debbie LeeKeenan** Debbie LeeKeenan is a life-long social justice educator, consultant, and co-author of Leading Anti-bias Early Childhood Programs: A Guide for Change, and former director of the Eliot-Pearson Children's School at Tufts University. She is also an active grandmother who keeps busy playing with her two granddaughters in Seattle and facetimeing with her 16 year old granddaughter in California.



**Ijumaa Jordan** is a fat, Black, cis-gendered woman (she, her, her's) daily engaging in the beautiful struggle of life, doing the internal and external work to abolish systems of oppression such as racism, sexism, transphobia, and classism, etc. Ijumaa shows up for this work with intensity and passion, being joyful, thinking critically, and holding a learning space with care and grace. She loves afternoon naps and snacks, you can usually find her online looking serious and laughing loudly.



**Julie Bisson** is an author and consultant and the director of Epiphany Early Learning Preschool. She provides training on topics ranging from culturally relevancy and anti-bias education to child care administration. When she is not working Julie enjoys cooking, gardening, and spending time with her family as well as her three labrador retrievers and her flock of chickens and turkeys.

